

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.13
Historic Name:	Mayo, Abijah House
Common Name:	
Address:	645 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	21-010
Year Constructed:	r 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

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EAS.13

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Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

21/010

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

13

Town

Eastham

Place (neighborhood or village)

645 State Highway

Common Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

Construction

Mid 19th Century

See Bibliography*

Form Gable-end, Side-entry Dwelling
with Lateral Wing.

Architect/Builder

Construction Material:

Foundation

Cut Stone

Wall/Trim

Singles and Clapboard

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing, gable-roofed shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition

Good

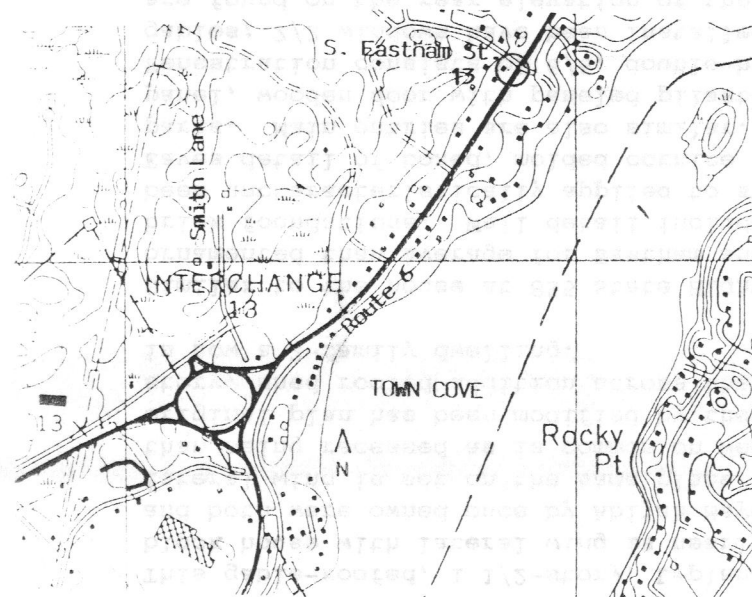
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

1.3 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.

here. Indicate North.



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Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: May 1995

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BUILDING FORM

645 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This gable-roofed, 1 1/2-story, L-plan, 3 x 2-bay, gable-end, side-entry, block house with lateral wing is nearly identical to that at 855 State Highway and both were owned once by Abijah Mayo. As is typical in Eastham, the lateral wing is set on the same plane as the facade of the main block rather than being recessed as is common on New England farmsteads. In this case, the original plan has been modified by the expansion of the lateral wing with a 1-story, shed roofed addition across the rear (west) elevation. The residence is now a 2-family dwelling.

Similar to the house at 855 State Highway, this house is more highly ornamented than average for Eastham and both have stone rather than brick foundations. Wall detail includes paneled pilasters and clapboards have been uncharacteristically applied to side elevations rather than the facade. Eaves detail of boxed, molded cornice includes a wide frieze, divided into 2 parts. Main entries are also similar. In this case, it is comprised of a 4-panel, wooden door with paneled pilasters supporting an entablature. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash on the facade and in the gables; 2/2 windows have been installed on the north elevation; narrow windows are found on the rear elevation of the main block and small, 6/6, double-hung sash is used in a tripart window on the south elevation. Both houses have an additional, tiny window in the peak of the facade gable. Window surrounds, except for the rear (west) elevation, include a small shelf or entablature. As is typical in Eastham, the facade gable contains 3 bays of closely-placed windows. Louvered blinds are replacements.

Headroom in the upper story of the lateral wing is expanded by a pair of gable dormers on the facade slope and a shed dormer with paired, small, 6/6 double-hung sash on the rear slope. Interior chimneys are located at the ridge line on both the main block and the lateral wing.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The research file in the Eastham Historical Society Archives provides conflicting information regarding this property. According to unattributed title research, Abijah Mayo purchased 2 parcels of land (one 9 acre lot and one 5 acre lot with a dwelling and other buildings from Henry K. Cobb, master mariner, in 1857 for \$1,000 (Bk. 66; Pg. 118).

Other notes state Abijah Mayo inherited the estate of his father, Henry Mayo (1774-1847), on the provision that he provide care and support for his sister, Betsey, during her lifetime. It also indicates that Abijah Mayo tore down "the old house and built this one in 1851" and that the property extended

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

down "to the Cove." Verification and elaboration of the deed research is necessary to resolve these conflicts. Abijah Mayo is listed at this site on the 1858 and 1880 maps of Eastham.

Abijah Mayo (1813-1886) was the one of six children of Dorothy and Henry Mayo (1774-1847). For many years Abijah Mayo was the stage driver of the daily stagecoach from Orleans to Provincetown which beginning in 1846 traveled through Eastham along King's Highway. When the Old Colony Railroad was extended from Orleans to Wellfleet in 1870, two stations were built in Eastham. Abijah Mayo oversaw the construction. He also had cranberry bogs, speculated in real estate and served as Eastham's wreck master.

Abijah Mayo married Phoebe Knowles Cobb (1813-1891) who had been previously married to Captain Scotter Cobb. Phoebe K. Cobb Mayo had several children from her first marriage, has three children with Abijah Mayo: Scotter Cobb Mayo (1837-1861); Joseph S. R. Mayo (1840-1843) and a still born daughter. (1851). They also adopted two distant relatives of Phoebe Mayo from Chatham: William Doane (1847-1861), who was listed in the census as a mariner; and Mary Doane (1851-1937). Abijah Mayo bequeath his entire estate to his wife, Phoebe.

Abijah Mayo bequeath the property to Mary Doane after the demise of Phoebe Mayo and she inherited in 1886. Mary Doane was married to Franklin Ryder (1847-1920), a farmer and fisherman, who purchased the property from her in 1887. They had four children: Joseph, George W., Luther M. and Franklin Ryer is listed in the 1901 directory of Eastham as a farmer who interests included poultry.

The property remained in the Ryder Family until 1947. Franklin Ryder lived with his mother. The house was sold in 1946 to Link Nickerson (Bk. 643; Pg. 273).

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

645 State Highway
Eastham

Area Form No. 13



Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Community: Eastham
Property Address: 645 State Highway

EAS.13

Area Form No. 13

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 645 State Highway is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the best preserved examples of the gable-end, side-entry house form with flush-plane, lateral wing in Eastham.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form ☒ _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
Macris _____
NR director _____

EAS.13

Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: ☒ Individual

☐ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.13

Address: 645 State Highway

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: ☒ Honor ☐ ITC ☐ Grant ☐ R & C ☐ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: AJ

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

☒ Eligible
☐ Eligible, also in district
☐ Eligible only in district
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

DISTRICTS

☐ Eligible
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

CRITERIA: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

LEVEL: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Allen Johnson

A well-preserved example of a locally significant Greek Revival building form: a 1 1/2-story dwelling with a gable front and a lateral wing flush with the plane of the house's principal facade. The property is eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C.